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GROWING PEACHES:¹

VARIETIES AND CLASSIFICATION,

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VARIETIES OF PEACHES.

One of the great problems which peach growers have to consider is involved in the question, which is asked with great frequency, "What varieties shall I plant?" Success or failure, financially, is often determined by the way in which the question is answered. It has to be answered by some one in the development of every orchard. There is usually a chance for the exercise of individual choice within certain limits and the selection of favorite varieties, if there are any. The environment must be considered in the relation of its many factors to the behavior of the varieties, the market conditions that must be met, and transportation facilities.

In many cases, the sequence of ripening is of very great importance and presents one of the most difficult problems to adjust satisfactorily. If a grower whose entire enterprise is the production of peaches wishes to ship fruit throughout the longest possible period, it is essential that his varieties be so selected that they will give him a continuous supply of fruit. Otherwise, there will be periods when his crew will have to be idle on account of breaks in the sequence of ripening; or it may be that at some periods he will have more varieties ripening at the same time than he can handle with the crew which is adequate for the greater portion of the crop. Either extreme presents a serious economic condition in the management of the orchard. To handle the crop satisfactorily and economically, a continuous and uniform supply of fruit is essential.

While the matter of the adaptability of varieties to different conditions calls for much consideration, it is usually a factor that is less

¹ This bulletin is intended for general distribution. Farmers' Bulletins Nos. 631 and 632 cover the general subject of peach growing and treat of fundamental orchard operations. In the preparation of this series of bulletins the author has very freely consulted the more important experiment-station literature on the subject, besides referring to many other sources of information. Credit is given wherever the information appropriated is tangible enough to warrant it.

acute than it is with many other fruits. In other words, there are doubtless a good many more varieties of peaches that will develop to a good degree of perfection under a wider range of conditions than is true of many of our other kinds of fruits. But the selection of varieties for growing in different sections that will ripen at a time when the markets are not overstocked is the real problem in this connection. Some districts owe their prominence and importance as peach-growing centers largely to the fact that some of the best market varieties ripen in those districts at times when they usually bring exceptionally large prices, because at those times relatively little fruit is being marketed from other districts.

In the further extension of the peach industry, the selecting of locations with reference to this factor is likely to contribute more to the financial success of the enterprise than the mere choosing of varieties that do well, but without regard to the time when they ripen in comparison with the peach season of other districts.

Thus, a peach grower in New Jersey may know that the Greensboro peach does well under his conditions, but that he can not market it to advantage when there is a good crop of Elberta peaches in Georgia, though it is profitable in seasons of light crops in Georgia. Similarly the Salway peach was formerly a profitable variety to grow in some parts of California, but in certain sections of that State it can not now compete to advantage with the Elberta peach from Colorado. Accordingly, the Salway peach is not found in many of the younger orchards in certain districts of California in which it was formerly a variety of considerable prominence.

From the foregoing statements the difficulty incident to the making of suggestions for the guidance of prospective peach planters in selecting varieties becomes apparent. The prospective peach planter can probably find a better guide as to varieties in the results obtained by experienced growers than by using any other source of information.

For the purpose of assembling information concerning the distribution of different varieties in different regions, approximate ripening periods, etc., a large number of growers in many representative districts throughout the country were requested to advise the Department of Agriculture as to the varieties of peaches that had proved to be the most desirable to grow either for commercial purposes or for home use under their respective conditions; also to give as nearly as possible the average date when the ripening season begins of each variety which they might name. A large number of responses were made to this request, and the information thus supplied is compiled below.

The data are arranged alphabetically by States, and under each State the varieties are grouped by counties. The general location of

each county or group of counties within the different States is also indicated. The varieties are placed in each list approximately in the order of ripening.

In making use of these data the reader must observe certain cautions to avoid being misled. Attention is directed to the following items:

(1) The variety lists are only suggestive as to desirable sorts to plant in the different sections.

(2) The sequence of ripening as indicated by the order of arrangement of the varieties in the different lists is only approximate.

(3) The dates of ripening as given for the different varieties are only approximate. In some instances, where conditions vary widely within the counties grouped together, the ripening dates of a variety will be found to differ greatly in different orchards.

(4) The mention of a county in the following lists must not be construed as evidence that the conditions therein are necessarily favorable to the development of a profitable peach industry. The data regarding variety distribution and ripening may be useful, nevertheless.

(5) On the other hand, there are many localities in counties not named in any of the lists which are admirably adapted to peach growing. No attempt has been made to furnish a complete inventory of the counties in which peach culture is successful; therefore the omission of the names of counties in this connection is absolutely without significance so far as their adaptability to peach growing is concerned.

If the reader observes these cautions and regards the varietal data as a means of helping him to reach wise conclusions and not as fully considered and definitely stated facts, it is believed that this assemblage of variety lists will be of some value.

Lists of peach varieties, showing approximate dates and sequence of ripening in different sections, arranged by States and counties.

| State and section. | Varities. | Begin to ripen. | State and section. | Varities. | Begin to ripen. |
|--|--|-----------------|---|--|-----------------|
| ALABAMA. | | | ARKANSAS: | | |
| Mobile, Escambia, and Washington Counties (southwest). | Arp..... May 25. Greensboro..... May 28. Carman..... June 8. Rivers..... June 10. Hiley..... June 15. Slappey..... Do. Belle..... June 20. Elberta..... July 1. | | Benton, Boone, and Washington Counties (northwest). | Alexander..... June 1. Sneed..... Do. Greensboro..... June —. Triumph..... Do. Champion..... July 10. Family Favorite..... July 15-25. Belle..... July 20. Chinese Cling..... Do. Elberta ¹ July 25. Heath..... Sept. 10-25. | |
| Cleburne and Lee Counties (east central). | Carman..... June 15. Hiley..... June 25. Mamie Ross..... July 1. Belle..... July 10. Elberta..... July 15. | | Pike County (southwest). | Elberta ² July 10. | |
| DeKalb County (north-east). | Carman..... June 25. Waddell..... July 10. Mountain Rose..... July 20. Belle..... Do. Ray..... Do. Elberta..... July 25. | | ARIZONA. | | |
| | | | Graham County (south-east). | Elberta ³ Indian Cling..... Perkins..... Salway..... Stinson..... | |

¹ Elberta is considered the only variety of commercial importance and is estimated to comprise 95 per cent of all the peaches planted in some localities in this section.

² Carman, Mamie Ross, and other early sorts are grown to a very limited extent; Salway and other late varieties are produced in small quantities and develop to a good degree of perfection, but the prevailing prices received for them are unsatisfactory.

³ This variety is reported to be the most reliable as to crop.

Lists of peach varieties, showing approximate dates and sequence of ripening in different sections, arranged by States and counties—Continued.

| State and section. | Varieties. | Begin to ripen. | State and section. | Varieties. | Begin to ripen. |
|--|--|--|---|--|--|
| CALIFORNIA. | | | CALIFORNIA—continued. | | |
| San Diego County (south). | Japan Dwarf.... Early Crawford.... Strawberry.... Late Crawford.... Yellow Cling.... Salway..... | June 20-July 1. July 4-15. July 15-Aug. 1. Aug. 20-Sept. 10. Sept. 20-Oct. 10. Oct. 20-Nov. 15. | Amador, El-dorado, and Placer Counties (central foothills). | Alexander..... Triumph..... Early Hale..... Imperial..... Early Crawford.... Strawberry..... Orange..... Late Crawford.... Strawberry Cling.... Yellow Cling.... Elberta..... Yellow Free..... Muir..... Susquehanna..... Lemon Cling.... Piequat..... McDevitt..... Salway..... Levy..... Phillips..... Norris..... | June 25-Aug. 5. July 5-Aug. 5. July 8-Aug. 8. July 11-21. July 30-Aug. 20. July 30-Sept. 13. July 30-Oct. 31. Aug. 2-Sept. 3. Aug. 4-Oct. 13. Aug. 4-Sept. 13. Aug. 4-Sept. 4. Aug. 8-Sept. 18. Aug. 15. Do..... Aug. 20. Aug. 20-Oct. 21. Aug. 24-Sept. 4. Sept. 3-Oct. 4. Sept. 3-Oct. 10. Sept. 4-20. Sept. 8-20. |
| Sonoma and Contra Costa Counties ¹ (central coast). | Alexander..... Triumph..... Early Hale..... Tusken ² Early Crawford.... Foster..... Elberta..... Muir..... McKevitt..... Heath..... | | COLORADO. | | |
| Sutter and Yuba Counties ³ (central valley). | Tusken ² Hauss..... Johnson..... Walton..... Albright Cling.... Runyon..... Nichols..... Sellers..... Muir ⁴ Lovell ⁵ Phillips..... Levy..... | July 15-Aug. 5. Aug. 1-15. Do..... Do..... Aug. 10-20. Aug. 15-30. Do..... Do..... Do..... Sept. 1-15. Do..... Sept. 10-25. | Mesa County (west, Grand Valley). | Carman..... Early Crawford.... Foster..... Elberta ⁶ Salway..... | Sept. 1. |
| Bolano County (central valley). ³ | Sneed..... Alexander ⁶ Garland..... Triumph ⁶ St. John ⁶ Dewey..... Early Hale ⁶ Strawberry..... Early Crawford ⁶ Foster ⁶ Decker..... Orange Cling.... Mary (Mary's Choice). Susquehanna ⁴ Yellow Free..... Elberta ⁶ Late Crawford.... Lovell..... Piequat..... Salway ⁷ | May 28. May 29-June 18. June 5. June 11-30. June 13-July 9. June 16-25. June 22-July 5. June 30-July 12. June 30-July 22. July 4-24. July 4-18. July 14-29. July 15-24. July 23-Aug. 4. July 25. July 24-Aug. 8. July 30. Sept. 2. Sept. 5. Sept. 11-Oct. 17. | Delta County (west). ⁹ | Sneed..... Triumph..... Greensboro..... Carman..... Early Crawford.... Elberta ⁶ Muir ¹⁰ | Aug. 20 Sept. 5-15. |
| Butte County (northern valley). | Muir ⁷ Lovell ⁷ | Aug. 10-20. Aug. 20-30. | Montroso County (west). | Early Hale..... Early Crawford.... Elberta ¹¹ Lovell ¹² | Sept. 5-10. |
| | | | Montezuma County (southwest). ¹³ | Triumph..... Bishop..... Mountain Rose.... Champion..... Family Favorite.... St. John..... Foster..... Oldmixon Free.... Elberta..... Washington..... | Aug. 15. Aug. 18. Aug. 20. Aug. 25. Sept. 1. Sept. 5. Sept. 10. Sept. 10-15. Do..... |
| | | | Larimer County (north central). | Greensboro..... Bella..... Elberta..... | July 20. Sept. 5. Sept. 20. |

¹ Peach interests are less important in these counties than in many other parts of the State.

² This is generally known in California by its synonym *Tuscan*.

³ Except as stated in the next footnote, this list comprises the leading clingstone varieties grown in California that are largely used for canning.

⁴ These are freestone varieties. While they are canned to a considerable extent, they are the leading varieties grown in California for drying.

⁵ The peaches grown in this section are largely shipped in the fresh state. The wide range in dates of ripening is due to the difference in the location of the orchards. The dates show when the first shipment was made of the different varieties from different orchards in the vicinity of Vacaville in the season of 1913.

⁶ The varieties thus designated are the principal sorts grown in this locality. The other varieties are grown only in small quantities.

⁷ These varieties are grown here almost exclusively for drying.

⁸ This variety excels commercially. The other varieties are grown but little.

⁹ The elevation is about 6,000 feet.

¹⁰ This is grown to a very limited extent for drying.

¹¹ This variety excels commercially.

¹² This is grown to a limited extent for drying and canning.

¹³ The elevation is 6,400 feet.

Lists of peach varieties, showing approximate dates and sequence of ripening in different sections, arranged by States and counties—Continued.

| State and section. | Varieties. | Begin to ripen. | State and section. | Varieties. | Begin to ripen. | |
|--|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| CONNECTICUT. | | | GEORGIA—con. | | | |
| Middlesex and New Haven Counties (south). | Mayflower..... | July 25–Aug. 1. | Habersham County (northeast). | Belle..... | July 10. | |
| | Greensboro..... | July 28–Aug. 10. | | Elberta..... | July 20. | |
| | Waddell..... | Aug. 8–15. | | Fox..... | Aug. 20. | |
| | Carman..... | Aug. 10–18. | | Heath..... | Sept. 25. | |
| | Illey..... | Aug. 20–25. | IDAHO. | | | |
| | Mountain Rose..... | Aug. 25–Sept. 5. | Canyon County (south-west). | Carman..... | Aug. 1–5. | |
| | Champion..... | Aug. 25–Sept. 8. | | Minnie (<i>Alton</i>).. | Aug. 5–10. | |
| | Belle..... | Sept. 1–10. | | Elberta..... | Aug. 28–Sept. 12. | |
| | Early Crawford. | Sept. 5–15. | | Lovell..... | Sept. 10–20. | |
| | Stump..... | Sept. 8. | Salway..... | Sept. 15–Oct. 15. | | |
| | Late Crawford.. | Sept. 15. | Kootenai County (north). | Mayflower..... | July 15. | |
| | Chairs..... | Sept. 20. | | Alexander..... | July 15–25. | |
| | Fox..... | Sept. 20–25. | | Early Hale..... | July 20. | |
| | Iron Mountain.. | Oct. 1–10. | | Triumph..... | July 25. | |
| | Stevens..... | Oct. 5–10. | | Carman..... | Aug. 1. | |
| Salway..... | Oct. 10. | Minnie (<i>Alton</i>).. | | Aug. 10. | | |
| Blyeu..... | Oct. 15–20. | Champion..... | | Aug. 20. | | |
| | | Elberta..... | | Aug. 25. | | |
| Tolland and Litchfield Counties (north central and northwest). | Greensboro..... | Aug. 1. | ILLINOIS. | | | |
| | Waddell..... | Aug. 10. | Jackson County (south). | Mountain Rose.. | July 30. | |
| | Carman..... | Aug. 20. | | Washington..... | Aug. 10. | |
| | Mountain Rose.. | Do. | | Ede..... | Do. | |
| | Champion..... | Aug. 25. | | Elberta..... | Do. | |
| | Belle..... | Aug. 30. | | Oldmixon Cling. | Aug. 13. | |
| | Oldmixon Free.. | Sept. 1–10. | | Oldmixon Free.. | Aug. 20. | |
| | Elberta..... | Sept. 5. | | Stump..... | Do. | |
| | Stump..... | Sept. 10. | | Schumaker..... | Do. | |
| | Crosby..... | Do. | | Stevens..... | Sept. 1. | |
| | Fox..... | Sept. 25. | | Ward..... | Do. | |
| | Stevens..... | Sept. 28. | | Smock..... | Sept. 10. | |
| | Smock..... | Oct. 1. | | Heath..... | Sept. 15. | |
| | DELAWARE. | | | Cumberland County (east central). | Carman..... | Aug. 1–5. |
| | Sussex County (south). | Greensboro..... | July 10. | | Waddell..... | Aug. 2–10. |
| Carman..... | | July 25. | Minnie (<i>Alton</i>).. | | Aug. 15–20. | |
| Champion..... | | Aug. 1. | Champion..... | | Aug. 20–30. | |
| Oldmixon Free.. | | Aug. 10. | Elberta..... | | Aug. 25–30. | |
| Belle..... | | Do. | McDonough County (west central). | | | |
| Elberta..... | | Aug. 15. | Sneed..... | July 1–15. | | |
| Late Crawford.. | Aug. 20. | Mamie Ross..... | Aug. 15–20. | | | |
| Stevens..... | Aug. 30. | Niagara..... | Do. | | | |
| Smock..... | Sept. 5. | Elberta..... | Sept. 1–15. | | | |
| Kent County (central). | Champion..... | Aug. 10. | Crosby..... | Sept. 5–15. | | |
| | Belle..... | Aug. 15. | INDIANA. | | | |
| | Reeves..... | Aug. 20. | Jennings County (southeast). | Champion..... | Aug. 1. | |
| | Elberta..... | Aug. 25. | | Mountain Rose.. | Aug. 15. | |
| FLORIDA. | | | | Early Crawford. | Aug. 20. | |
| Volusia County (east central). | Jewell..... | May 10–20. | | Oldmixon Free.. | Do. | |
| | Suber..... | Do. | | Elberta..... | Aug. 25–30. | |
| | Angel..... | May 25–June 1. | | Smock..... | Sept. 10. | |
| | Hall Yellow..... | Do. | | Heath..... | Oct. 1. | |
| | Waldo..... | Do. | Rush and Hamilton Counties (central). | Alexander..... | July 10. | |
| Alachua and Putnam Counties (north). | Jewell..... | May 25–June 5. | | Greensboro..... | July 15–20. | |
| | Waldo..... | June 1–15. | | Carman..... | July 25. | |
| | Colon..... | June 15. | | Triumph..... | Aug. 15. | |
| | Angel..... | June 20–25. | | Champion..... | Aug. 25. | |
| | Taber..... | July 1. | | Early Crawford. | Do. | |
| GEORGIA. | | | | Foster..... | Do. | |
| Macon, Houston, and Crawford Counties (central). | Mayflower..... | May 20–June 5. | | Belle..... | Sept. 1. | |
| | Greensboro..... | May 25–June 10. | | Kalamazoo..... | Sept. 10. | |
| | Carman..... | June 5–20. | | Oldmixon Free.. | Do. | |
| | Waddell..... | June 10–15. | | Elberta..... | Sept. 15. | |
| | Illey..... | June 15–25. | | Arctic..... | Sept. 20. | |
| | Belle..... | June 20–July 2. | | Late Crawford.. | Sept. 25. | |
| | Elberta..... | July 1–10. | | Stump..... | Sept. | |
| Hancock County (east central). | Carman..... | June 18–20. | | Hannah..... | Sept. 25. | |
| | Illey..... | June 20–July 8. | | Lemon Cling.... | Do. | |
| | Thurber..... | July 8–15. | | Wonderful..... | Oct. 1. | |
| | Belle..... | July 8–18. | | Heath..... | Oct. 5. | |
| | Elberta..... | July 12–22. | | | | |

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| IOWA. Henry and Wayne Counties (southeast). | Alexander..... | July 10-25. | LOUISIANA. Blenville Parish (northwest). | Early Wheeler.. | |
| | Triumph..... | July 25-Aug. 5. | | Greensboro..... | |
| | Forbes..... | Aug. 1. | | Carman..... | |
| | Champion..... | Aug. 10-31. | | Belle..... | |
| | Early Crawford.. | Aug. 25-Sept. 5. | | Elberta..... | |
| | Bokhara..... | Aug. 28-Sept. 5. | MARYLAND. Caroline County (east). | Carman..... | July 20-30. |
| | Crosby..... | Sept. 1. | | Belle..... | July 25-Aug. 5. |
| | Elberta..... | Sept. 4-10. | | Reeves..... | Do. |
| | Late Crawford.. | Sept. 5-20. | | Mary (Mary's Choice). | Do. |
| | Heath..... | Sept. 15-Oct. 10. | | Elberta..... | July 30-Aug. 10. |
| KANSAS. Barber County (south central). | Sneed..... | June 15. | | Bequette Free.. | Aug. 5-15. |
| | Triumph..... | July 1. | | Bequette Cling.. | Do. |
| | Greensboro..... | July 10. | | Oldmixon Free.. | Aug. 10. |
| | Carman..... | July 15. | | Chairs..... | Aug. 15-25. |
| | Champion..... | July 20. | | Late Crawford.. | Do. |
| | Early Crawford.. | Aug. 1. | | Heath..... | Aug. 25-30. |
| | Foster..... | Do. | Washington County (west). | Troth..... | |
| | Chinese Cling.. | Aug. 15. | | Carman..... | |
| | Elberta..... | Do. | | Champion..... | Aug. 1-15. |
| | Late Crawford.. | Sept. 1. | | Early Crawford.. | Aug. 5-15. |
| | Stevens..... | Sept. 15. | | Chinese Cling.. | |
| | Globe..... | Sept. 25. | | St. John..... | Aug. 8. |
| | Wonderful..... | Oct. 1. | | Mountain Rose.. | Aug. 10 |
| | Mammoth..... | Oct. 15. | | Oldmixon Free.. | |
| | Heath..... | | | Reeves..... | Aug. 10-25. |
| | Levy (Henrietta). | Oct. 20. | | Moore..... | Do. |
| Douglas, Franklin, Johnson, and Morris Counties (east central). | Sneed..... | June 15. | | Elberta..... | Do. |
| | Arp..... | | | Late Crawford.. | Aug. 25-Sept. 1. |
| | Alexander..... | June 25. | MASSACHUSETTS. Hampden County (southwest). | Stump..... | |
| | Triumph..... | June 25-30. | | Fox..... | |
| | Dewey..... | July 10-15. | | Chairs..... | Sept. 1-7. |
| | Early Crawford.. | July 15. | | McCollister..... | Sept. 5-20. |
| | Mountain Rose.. | Aug. 1. | | Geary..... | Sept. 10-25. |
| | Champion..... | Aug. 10-30. | | Wonderful..... | Sept. 15. |
| | Belle..... | Aug. 15-Sept. 15. | | Salway..... | Sept. 20-25. |
| | Oldmixon Free.. | Do. | | Levy..... | Sept. 20. |
| | Bdo..... | | | Wilkins..... | Sept. 20-30. |
| | Elberta..... | Aug. 20-Sept. 15. | | Heath..... | Oct. 1-5. |
| Atchison and Jackson Counties (northeast). | Fitzgerald..... | Aug. 25-Sept. 15. | Middlesex County (east central). | Billyou..... | Oct. 15. |
| | Late Crawford.. | Sept. 1-20. | | | |
| | Chairs..... | Sept. 5-15. | | Greensboro..... | Aug. 5. |
| | Mathews..... | Sept. 12-25. | | Carman..... | Aug. 15-20. |
| | Smock..... | Sept. 15. | | Hiley..... | Aug. 20-25. |
| | Gold Drop..... | Sept. 25. | | Champion..... | Sept. 1-5. |
| | Beers Smock..... | Sept. 28. | | Belle..... | Sept. 5-10. |
| | Wonderful..... | Oct. 1-10. | | Crosby..... | Sept. 20-25. |
| | Salway..... | Oct. 5-10. | | Salway..... | Oct. 1-5. |
| | | | | | |
| KENTUCKY. Warren County (south central). | Sneed..... | | Essex County (northeast). | Victor..... | July 25. |
| | Greensboro..... | July 20-25. | | Sneed..... | Do. |
| | Carman..... | July 20-30. | | Triumph..... | |
| | Bishop..... | Aug. 1-20. | | Greensboro..... | Aug. 5. |
| | Champion..... | Aug. 20-Sept. 10. | | Carman..... | Aug. 18. |
| | Elberta..... | Aug. 20-25. | | Waddell..... | Aug. 15. |
| | Crosby..... | Oct. 10. | | Champion..... | Aug. 25. |
| | Heath..... | | | Do..... | |
| | | | | Early York..... | Do. |
| | | | | Mountain Rose.. | Aug. 25-30. |
| Hardin and Bullitt Counties (north central). | Early Crawford.. | July 20-Aug. 1. | | Hiley..... | Aug. 28. |
| | Mountain Rose.. | July 20-Aug. 4. | | Belle..... | Sept. 5-10. |
| | Oldmixon Free.. | Aug. 8-15. | | Fitzgerald..... | Sept. 8. |
| | Elberta..... | Aug. 10-15. | | Oldmixon Free.. | Sept. 10-12. |
| | Late Crawford.. | Aug. 15. | | Kalamazoo..... | Sept. 15-20. |
| | Admirable..... | Aug. 23-Sept. 1. | | Elberta..... | Do. |
| | Oldmixon Cling.. | Aug. 25-Sept. 5. | | Crosby..... | Sept. 20. |
| | Smock..... | Sept. 10. | | Stump..... | Sept. 20-25. |
| | Levy (Henrietta). | Sept. 15. | | Chairs..... | Sept. 25-30. |
| | Heath..... | Sept. 15-25. | | Stevens..... | Oct. 1. |
| | Salway..... | Oct. 1. | | | |

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| MICHIGAN. | | | NEW HAMPSHIRE. | | |
| Berrien, Van Buren, and Allegan Counties (southwest). | Dewey..... Lewis..... St. John..... Champion..... Engle..... Kalamazoo..... New Prolific..... Belle..... Fitzgerald..... Elberta..... Gold Drop..... Lemon Free..... Beers Smock..... Smock..... Salway..... Allesworth..... | Aug. 15. Aug. 15-20. Aug. 25-30. Aug. 28. Aug. 28-Sept. 10. Sept. 1-10. Sept. 1-8. Sept. 1. Sept. 1-8 Sept. 5-15. Sept. 12-25. Sept. 15-Oct. 1. Sept. 15-25. Sept. 20-25. Sept. 20-Oct. 5. Sept. 25. | Hillsboro and Merrimack Counties (south central). | Triumph..... Carman..... Waddell..... Mountain Rose..... Champion..... Early Crawford..... Elberta..... Crosby..... | Aug. 15. Aug. 20-Sept. 1. Aug. 25. Sept. 1-15. Do. Sept. 5-10. Sept. 10-20. Sept. 15-20. |
| Eaton County (south central). | Lewis..... Engle..... Kalamazoo..... Elberta..... Chill..... Gold Drop..... | Aug. 15. Sept. 5. Sept. 10. Sept. 15. Sept. 20. Sept. 25. | NEW JERSEY. | | |
| Grand Traverse County (northwest, lower peninsula). | Alexander..... Rivers..... Triumph..... Dewey..... Fitzgerald..... Early Crawford..... Crosby..... New Prolific..... Elberta..... Chill..... | Aug. 1. Aug. 5. Aug. 10. Do. Sept. 10. Sept. 13. Do. Sept. 20. Sept. 18. Oct. 1. | Burlington and Cumberland Counties (south and west central). | Greensboro..... Waddell..... Carman..... Mountain Rose..... Hiley..... Champion..... Oldmixon Free..... Belle..... Elberta..... Fox..... Stump..... Late Crawford..... Iron Mountain..... | July 15-Aug. 1. July 25-Aug. 10. Aug. 1-10. Aug. 5-10. Do. Aug. 10-15. Aug. 15-25. Aug. 15-20. Aug. 20-25. Aug. 25-Sept. 10. Sept. 1. Sept. 1-5. Sept. 15-20. |
| MISSOURI. | | | Middlesex, Monmouth, and Union Counties (east central). | Carman..... Ray..... Belle..... Elberta..... Ellison..... Willett..... Stump..... Stevens..... Keyport..... | Aug. 10-20. Aug. 10-Sept. 1. Aug. 15-Sept. 1. Aug. 25-Sept. 10. Sept. 1-20. Do. Sept. 7. Sept. 15. Sept. 20. |
| Oregon County ² (south central). | Elberta ³ | July 28-Aug. 8. | NEW MEXICO. | | |
| Howell County ⁴ (south central). | Elberta ³ | Aug. 10-15. | Chaves and Eddy Counties (southeast, Pecos Valley). | Victor..... Alexander..... Dewey..... Triumph..... Greensboro..... Carman..... Ray..... Texas (Texas King)..... Mamie Ross..... Family Favorite..... Superb..... Champion..... Elberta..... Late Crawford..... Crosby..... Beckett..... Lee..... Salway..... Levy..... Krummel..... Belle October..... | June 20-25. July 10. July 4. July 25. July 25-Aug. 1. Aug. 1-5. Sept. 5. Oct. 1. |
| Wright County ⁵ (south central). | Carman..... Champion..... Elberta..... Salway..... | Not reported. | NEBRASKA. | | |
| Cole County (central). | Greensboro..... Carman..... Mountain Rose..... Elberta..... Heath..... | June 25-July 10. July 25-30. Aug. 1-15. Aug. 25-Sept. 10. Sept. 25-Oct. 10. | Dona Ana County (south central). | | |
| NEBRASKA. | | | Alexander..... Triumph..... Rivers..... Early Hale..... Champion..... Crosby..... Chill..... Russell..... Wright..... Heath..... Salway..... | Not reported. | June 20-30. June 20. July 15-20. |

¹ This is one of the most hardy varieties.

² The elevation is about 960 feet.

³ Other varieties are grown in these counties, but the Elberta is the only one of real commercial importance.

⁴ The elevation is about 1,240 feet.

⁵ The elevation is about 1,680 feet.

⁶ Considered by some to be the most desirable varieties for commercial purposes.

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| NEW MEXICO—continued. | | | NORTH CAROLINA. | | |
| Dona Ana County (south central)—Con. | Elberta..... Late Crawford..... Keith..... Crothers..... Lemon Cling..... Salway..... | Aug. 1. Aug. 20-25. Sept. 20-25. | Moore County (central). | Mayflower..... Alexander..... Greensboro..... Carman..... Belle..... Elberta..... | June 1. June 10. June 20. July 5. July 15. July 20. |
| San Juan County (northwest). | Alexander..... Triumph..... Carman..... Champion ¹ Elberta ¹ Krummel..... Salway..... | July 25-Aug. 15. July 15-Aug. 15. Aug. 15-Sept. 1. Aug. 25-Sept. 1. Sept. 1-10. Oct. 1-10. Oct. 5-10. | OHIO. | | |
| NEW YORK. ² | | | Lawrence, Clermont, and Ross Counties (south). | Greensboro..... Rivers..... Carman..... Champion..... Mountain Rose..... New Prolific..... Oldmixon Free..... Reeves..... Elberta..... Late Crawford..... Stump..... Chairs..... Smock..... Wonderful..... Bears Smock..... Salway..... Heath..... | July 1. July 15. July 20. Aug. 1-15. Aug. 1-10. Aug. 1. Aug. 5-20. Aug. 8-25. Aug. 10-Sept. 1. Aug. 15. Aug. 15-Sept. 1. Sept. 5. Sept. 10-20. Sept. 15. Do. Sept. 20-25. Oct. 1. |
| Nassau and Suffolk Counties (southeast, Long Island). | Carman..... Champion..... Belle..... Elberta..... Stump..... Oldmixon Free..... Smock..... Iron Mountain..... Salway..... | Not reported. | Summit, Lucas, and Lake Counties (north). | Carman..... St. John..... Champion..... New Prolific..... Kalamazoo..... Belle..... Elberta..... Gold Drop..... Stump..... Crosby..... Lemon Free..... Smock..... Salway..... | Aug. 5-20. Aug. 10-25. Aug. 25-Sept. 25. Sept. 1. Sept. 1-15. Sept. 10-20. Sept. 15-25. Sept. 20-Oct. 1. |
| Westchester, Dutchess, and Ulster Counties (southeast, Hudson River Valley). | Greensboro..... Champion..... Niagara..... Elberta..... Fitzgerald ² Crosby..... Late Crawford..... Stevens..... | July 25. Aug. 15-20. Aug. 25. Sept. 1-10. Sept. 1. Sept. 1-10. Sept. 25. | OKLAHOMA. | | |
| Tompkins and Yates Counties (central). | Greensboro..... Carman..... Champion..... St. John..... Early Crawford..... Elberta..... Crosby..... Chill..... Morris..... Stevens..... Stump..... Late Crawford..... Smock..... Fox..... Iron Mountain..... Salway..... | Aug. 1-20. Do. Aug. 20. Aug. 25-30. Sept. 1. Sept. 1-15. Sept. 5-10. Do. Sept. 10. Sept. 15-25. Sept. 15. Sept. 20. Sept. 20-30. Sept. 25. Sept. 25-30. Oct. 1-10. | Cherokee, Logan, and Canadian Counties (central). | Mayflower..... Snoed..... Early Wheeler..... Mamie Ross..... Hiley..... Champion..... Elberta..... Krummel..... Salway..... | June 1. Do. June 1-10. June 10. July 10-20. July 20. Aug. 1-20. Sept. 15. Oct. 1. |
| Oswego, Wayne, and Niagara Counties (west). | Triumph..... Greensboro..... Rivers..... St. John..... Early Crawford..... Mountain Rose..... Fitzgerald..... Niagara..... Foster..... Champion..... Wheatland..... Elberta..... Late Crawford..... Lamont..... Chill..... | Aug. 15. Aug. 20. Do. Do. Sept. 1-10. Sept. 5. Sept. 5-10. Sept. 6-20. Sept. 8-15. Sept. 10. Sept. 10-15. Sept. 10-25. Sept. 20-25. Sept. 20-30. Oct. 1. | OREGON. | | |
| | | | Jackson County (southwest). | Alexander..... Early Hale..... Early Crawford..... Elberta..... Muir..... Late Crawford..... Salway..... | July 15. Aug. 1. Aug. 15. Sept. 15. Oct. 15. |
| | | | Umatilla County (northeast). | Arp..... Early Crawford..... Elberta..... Salway..... | July 15. Aug. 1. Aug. 25-30. Sept. 15-30. |

¹ These are considered the best varieties for commercial purposes.

² The following varieties named in the approximate order in which they are reported to ripen are given by the New York Agricultural Experiment Station (Circular 15, revised) as the "most worthy of consideration": Rivers, Greensboro, Eureka, Carman, Minnie (Alton), St. John, Waddell, Pearson, Foster, Stevens, Champion, Fitzgerald, Niagara, Belle, Early Crawford, Elberta, Oldmixon Free, Ede, Crosby, Late Crawford, Kalamazoo, Chill, Lamont, Smock, Salway.

From the same circular the following information regarding the hardiness of varieties is taken: "The five varieties of peaches most hardy in wood are Crosby, Chill, Stevens, Gold Drop, and Elberta. The Crawford is considered most tender in wood. The five varieties of peaches most hardy in bud are Crosby, Chill, Triumph, Gold Drop, and Stevens. The five most tender in bud are the Early Crawford, Late Crawford, Chairs, Reeves, and Elberta."

³ This variety is recommended for home use.

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Lists of peach varieties, showing approximate dates and sequence of ripening in different sections, arranged by States and counties—Continued.

| State and section. | Varieties. | Begin to ripen. | State and section. | Varieties. | Begin to ripen. |
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| PENNSYLVANIA. | | | SOUTH CAROLINA—CON. | | |
| | Bucks County (southeast). | Mountain Rose..... July 15. Champion..... Aug. 1. Early Crawford..... Sept. 1. Elberta..... Sept. 15. Lata Crawford..... Sept. 20. Chairs..... Stevens..... Sept. 25. Deers Smock..... Oct. 1. | | Pickens County (west). | Sneed..... May 10-28. Greensboro..... June 1-15. Carman..... June 18-30. Mamie Ross..... Connet..... June 20-July 2. Belle..... Elberta..... July 10-25. |
| | Berks County (southeast). | Greensboro..... July 15-20. Carman..... Aug. 4-10. Champion..... Aug. 21-28. Belle..... Elberta..... Aug. 15-Sept. 5. Stevens..... Aug. 25-Sept. 10. | | South Carolina (entire State). ² | Mayflower..... May 25-June 5. Greensboro..... June 1-10. Carman..... June 10-20. Mamie Ross..... June 20-July 4. Belle..... July 6-15. Elberta..... July 15-Aug. 1. Crothers..... Aug. 5-18. Oldmixon Free..... Sept. 8-20. Stinson..... Oct. 10-20. |
| | Clinton and Northumberland Counties (center). | Sneed..... July 10-15. Carman..... Aug. 1-10. Slappey..... Aug. 15-20. Mountain Rose..... Do. Belle..... Aug. 25-30. Reeves..... Do. Oldmixon Free..... Sept. 1-15. Elberta..... Do. Lata Crawford..... Sept. 10-15. Crosby..... Do. Stump..... Sept. 15-20. Fox..... Do. Chairs..... Sept. 20-25. Smoek..... Sept. 25-30. Salway..... Sept. 30-Oct. 5. Bilyeu..... Oct. 1-7. | | TENNESSEE. | |
| | Wayne County (northeast). | Sneed..... July 18. Canada..... July 31. Greensboro..... Aug. 2. Carman..... Aug. 23. Champion..... Aug. 28. Fitzgerald..... Sept. 4. Hiley..... Sept. 8. Belle..... Sept. 12. Edc..... Do. Ray..... Do. Reeves..... Do. Elberta..... Sept. 20. Crosby..... Do. Lata Crawford..... Sept. 25. Iron Mountain..... Do. Salway..... Sept. 30. | | Rhea County (southeast). | Carman..... July 5-10. Belle..... July 15-20. Early Crawford..... Reeves..... Elberta..... July 25. Late Crawford..... Mathews..... Smoek..... Bilyeu..... |
| | | | | Bedford County (central). | Carman..... Champion..... Belle..... Elberta..... Crothers..... |
| | | | | Blount County (east central). | Sneed..... May 25-June 5. Greensboro..... June 10-25. Carman..... June 25-July 10. Belle..... July 15-30. Elberta..... July 20-Aug. 5. Thurbar..... Do. |
| | | | | Claiborne County (northeast). | Alexander..... June 20. St. John..... July 4. Mountain Rose..... July 15. Belle..... Elberta..... Aug. 5. |
| | | | | TEXAS. | |
| | | | | Bexar and Victoria Counties (southeast). | Clara..... June 1. Early China..... Do. Honey..... June 5. Triumph..... June 14. Imperial..... July 1. Pallas..... Do. Gardina..... Do. Ruple..... July 15. Alice..... Do. Cabler..... July 20. Maggie..... Do. Ondorok..... Do. Lola..... July 25. Edith..... Do. Gaiveston..... Aug. 5. Guadalupe..... Aug. 10. Texas..... Do. Mary..... Aug. 25. Orman..... Sept. 1. |
| RHODE ISLAND. | | | | | |
| Newport County (southeast). | Victor..... Aug. 10. Carman..... Aug. 25. Hiley..... Sept. 1. Champion..... Sept. 5. Ray..... Do. Kalamazoo..... Sept. 10. Morris..... Sept. 20. | | | | |
| SOUTH CAROLINA. | | | | | |
| Alken and Lexington Counties (central). | Sneed..... May 10-30. Alexander..... May 20. Greensboro..... June 10-20. St. John..... July 1-15. Elberta..... July 1-25. | | | | |

¹ These varieties are the principal commercial sorts.

² See South Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station Circular No. 21, entitled "Peach Culture for South Carolina," by C. F. Niven, wherein a list of varieties adapted to the entire State is given.

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| TEXAS—CON. | | | VIRGINIA—CON. | | |
| McLennan, Kaufman, and Montague Counties (northeast). | Sneed..... Swan..... Early Wheeler.. Arp..... Carman..... Mamie Ross..... Champion..... Elberta..... Chilow..... Munson..... Weaver..... Stinson..... | May 25. Do. June 1. June 2. June 10-15. June 15-25. July 1-10. July 4-15. July 15. July 25. Aug. Sept. | Botetourt County (west). | Greensboro..... Carman..... Champion..... Elberta..... | July 1. July 5. July 15. Aug. 1. |
| Limestone ¹ County (northeast). | Victor..... Early Wheeler.. Swan..... Carman..... Mamie Ross..... Leona..... Elberta..... Tena..... Gilbert..... Millard..... Frank..... Lizzie..... Barbara..... Katie..... | June 25-July 1. July 5-10. July 5-15. July 20. Do. July 25. Aug. 25. Sept. 15. | Albemarle County (central). | Oldmixon Free.. Globe..... Elberta..... Late Crawford.. Heath..... Albright..... Blyeu..... | Aug. 3-10. Sept. 25-30. Oct. 1-10. Sept. 25-Oct. 10. |
| Deaf Smith and Hale Counties (northwest, Panhandle). | Alexander..... Triumph..... Mamie Ross..... Champion..... Family Favorite Elberta..... Landrum..... Buttram..... Dalmont..... Horlacher..... Krummel..... | June 25-July 1. July 5-10. July 5-15. July 20. Do. July 25. Aug. 25. Sept. 15. | Elizabeth City County (east). | Greensboro..... Carman..... Elberta..... | Not reported. |
| UTAH. | | | Fairfax and Loudoun Counties (north). | Greensboro..... Carman..... Belle..... Oldmixon Free.. Elberta..... Stump..... Oldmixon Cling. Salway..... | June 20. July 15-25. Aug. 10-20. Do. Aug. 15-25. Sept. 15-20. Sept. 20. Oct. 1-15. |
| Washington County (southwest). | Briggs..... Greensboro..... Elberta..... Muir..... Heath..... | July 1. July 4. Aug. 15. Aug. 25. Sept. 20. | WASHINGTON. | | |
| Box Elder, Utah, and Weber Counties (central and northern). | Elberta ¹ | Sept. | Benton and Yakima Counties (south central, Yakima Valley). | Alexander..... Early Hale..... Champion..... Early Crawford.. Slappey..... Elberta..... Late Crawford.. Sneed..... Alexander..... Early Hale..... Triumph..... Early Crawford.. Elberta..... Late Crawford.. Krummel..... | July 10. July 15. July 25. Aug. 5. Aug. 10. Aug. 15-20. Aug. 20. July 10. July 15. July 15-20. July 25-Aug. 10. Aug. 10. Aug. 25. Aug. 25-30. Oct. 1. |
| VERMONT. | | | Chelan County (central). | Early Crawford.. Niagara..... Wager..... Late Crawford.. Elberta..... | Sept. 8. Sept. 10. Sept. 15. Sept. 20. Oct. 1. |
| Windham County (southeast). | Alexander..... Rivers..... Canada..... Early Crawford.. Niagara..... Oldmixon Free.. Elberta..... Stump..... Crosby..... Late Crawford.. Elberta..... | Aug. 15-20. Sept. 1-15. Sept. 20. Sept. 25. | WEST VIRGINIA. | | |
| VIRGINIA. | | | Morgan, Hampshire, and Mineral Counties (northeast). | Carman..... Connet..... Hiley..... Champion..... Belle..... Oldmixon Free.. Reeves..... Elberta..... Fox..... Walker..... Stevens..... McCollister..... Beers Smock..... Smoek..... Wonderful..... Levy..... Heath..... Salway..... Blyeu..... | July 25-Aug. 5. Aug. 1-10. Aug. 5-10. Aug. 10-20. Aug. 15-20. Aug. 18-25. Aug. 20-25. Aug. 20-Sept. 5. Sept. 1-20. Sept. 20-25. Sept. 20-30. Do. Do. Sept. 25-30. Do. Oct. 1-10. Do. Do. Oct. 10-25. |
| Wythe County (southwest). | Belle..... Champion..... Fitzgerald..... Foster..... Elberta..... | July 25. Aug. 1. Aug. 10-15. | | | |

¹ These varieties have received special attention in this county, where a considerable proportion of them originated. Nearly all of them belong to the "North China" or "Chinese Cling" group. This list of varieties, substantially as it here appears, was originally presented by Mr. J. W. Stubenrauch, of Texas, before a meeting of horticulturists held at Dallas, Tex., and later published in Farm and Ranch (issue of Feb. 28, 1913, p. 9). They are named in about the order in which they ripen, this period for the entire list continuing for 3 to 4 months.

² This variety is grown almost to the exclusion of all other sorts.

COMMENTS ON THE FOREGOING LISTS OF VARIETIES.

As already stated, the foregoing lists are made up in nearly every case of varieties mentioned by growers in response to a request sent them from the Department of Agriculture to name the sorts which were considered the most satisfactory under their respective conditions. They represent practically the entire portion of the country where peaches are grown at all, including many sections in which this fruit is not a commercial product.

Several interesting observations are suggested by these lists. The comparatively small number of varieties which compose them is noticeable. The remarkably wide distribution of a considerable number of varieties, as is shown by the large proportion of the lists in which certain sorts occur, will at once appeal to those who are studying varietal adaptability.

The fact is striking that in response to a request for the names of the most satisfactory varieties, growers all over the country reported, with but few exceptions, only the older and thoroughly tested sorts; and, conversely, the almost entire absence from these lists of recently introduced varieties stands out conspicuously to those who are familiar with peach nomenclature.

This omission of the newer sorts does not mean that they are not being planted, but it probably does indicate that growers generally are not yet satisfied that the recently introduced varieties are superior to those with which they are already familiar. Perhaps it may suggest also the desirability of greater familiarity on the part of peach growers with the more promising of the newer sorts. But variety testing is expensive. Not many commercial peach growers have either the time or the inclination to take up this type of work. Yet the only way in which the real value of a new variety can be determined is to grow it. The fact that a variety is adapted to the conditions in one region proves little or nothing with regard to its value in another region, where the conditions are different. In some of the important peach-growing districts, especially where there are good cooperative fruit-growers' organizations, a community variety-test orchard might be a practicable enterprise.

CLASSIFICATION.

In the present connection, only a brief mention of peach classification can be made. Probably the first system that was worked out is the one proposed by Mr. Gilbert Onderdonk, of Texas, and published by the Department of Agriculture in 1887.¹

¹ See Report of the Commissioner of Agriculture, 1887, pp. 648-651. Considerable valuable information regarding peach classification has also been contributed by Prof. R. H. Price in Texas Agricultural Experiment Station Bulletin 39, entitled "The Peach."

The basis of this classification is primarily regional, and the names applied to the classes or races largely represent the section of country in which the different races originated or from which they were disseminated. Though several modifications of the "Onderdonk system" of classification have been proposed, it is the one which is most widely recognized at the present time. The five races of peaches indicated in this system are (1) Peen-to, (2) South China, (3) Spanish, (4) North China, and (5) Persian.

The significance of these different races in the adaptability of varieties to the different peach-growing districts of the country is indicated in the following comments.

(1) *Peen-to race*.—The Peen-to race or group takes its name from the original variety, the Peen-to, which was introduced into this country in 1859 by the late P. J. Berckmans, of Augusta, Ga. With the exception of this member of the group, every variety which now belongs to it, according to Hume, has originated in Florida.¹

These varieties are essentially adapted to subtropical conditions and very largely comprise the peach industry of the extreme southern portion of the country. Other important varieties of this group are the Angel, Bidwell Early Bidwell Late, Clara, Hall, Jewell, Maggie, Suber, and Waldo.

(2) *South China race*.—The South China race is perhaps now more commonly designated as the Honey group,² the first variety of the group to be grown in the United States having borne that name. With few exceptions, the varieties which now compose this group have originated in Florida. Like the members of the Peen-to race, they are adapted to a subtropical climate, but their range of adaptability extends farther north than that of the members of the Peen-to race. They may be grown in central and northern Florida and in the southern parts of Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas. Some of the more important varieties are the Climax, Colon, Florida Gem, Imperial, Pallas, Taber, and Triana.

(3) *Spanish race*.—The Spanish race was so designated by Mr. Onderdonk in his classification because he was unable to trace it with certainty farther back than Spain. The varieties that comprise this list, like those of the two races already discussed, are adapted to southern latitudes, but their range of adaptability does not extend as far south as does that of the members of those races. It does, however, reach somewhat farther north, as indicated by Onderdonk and others. Some of the varieties of this group as given by Price are the Cabler, Druid, Galveston, Guadalupe, La Reine, Onderdonk, Texas, and Victoria.

¹For a full account of this group, see Florida Agricultural Experiment Station Bulletin 62, entitled "The Peen-to Peach Group," by H. Harold Hume.

²For a full account of the Honey group of peaches, see Florida Agricultural Experiment Station Bulletin 73, entitled "The Honey Peach Group," by F. C. Relmer.

(4) *North China race*.—Because of the fact that the Chinese Cling variety of peach was the progenitor of the North China race in the United States, Powell¹ has suggested, with consistency, the term "Chinese Cling group" in place of the one originally used as the name of the race.

This group has assumed great importance because of the wide range of adaptability and great commercial importance of some of the varieties which are commonly designated as belonging to it. The trees of this group are generally hardy, vigorous, and spreading in habit of growth.

Chandler,² of the Missouri experiment station, has called attention to the fact that, as a rule, the varieties of this group are among the "slowest to finish their resting period."

Some of the most important varieties of this group are the Belle, Carman, Connet, Elberta, Family Favorite, Greensboro, Hiley, Leo, Lola, Mamie Ross, Ray, Rivers, Superb, Thurber, and Waddell.

It should be stated that several of these varieties, including the Elberta, are undoubtedly crosses between some member of the Chinese Cling group and one belonging to the Persian or some other group. In some particulars they resemble the latter parent. For instance, the Elberta is mentioned by Chandler as being an exception to the general rule that varieties of this group are slow in finishing their resting period. The fact that the Elberta starts quickly and is "tender in bud" is widely recognized. It is a seedling of the Chinese Cling crossed by a Persian variety—probably the Early Crawford.

(5) *Persian race*.—As the result of his investigations of the Persian race, Mr. Onderdonk concluded that—

The race includes all varieties springing from the importation from Persia to Italy during the reign of the Emperor Claudius, which was introduced into Great Britain about 1550 and to the American colonies about 1680.

These varieties, as a rule, blossom relatively late. Many of them are grown extensively in the northern peach districts, as well as in middle latitudes. Some of the important varieties placed by Price in this group are the Crothers, Foster, Heath, Gold Drop, Late Crawford, Lemon Cling, Mountain Rose, Oldmixon Free, Reeves, Salway, Walker, and St. John.

¹ See Delaware Agricultural Experiment Station Bulletin 54, entitled "The Chinese Cling Group of Peaches," by G. Harold Powell.

² See Missouri Agricultural Experiment Station Bulletin 74, entitled "The Winter-Killing of Peach Buds as Influenced by Previous Treatment," by W. H. Chandler.